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waiting for the amendment to come down. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, at the risk of sounding like more or less a master of the obvious, let me go down the list with some of the things that I've already gone up on a few folks on the floor off the record. All three of these options that I've heard today are pretty, if you will, I'll use the terminology, they're all old school and they're all viable. They really are, I believe that. Let's look at the old school options that we've laid out and, again, master of the obvious, the spending cuts that have been brought up, you know, folks have advocated the philosophy or put out the idea that that type of thing can continue. I guess I'd be one of them. Probably put ourselves in precarious situations because there are procedural stand...from a procedural standpoint, I guess, and from a historical legislative standpoint, that would put the folks that would promote that type of philosophy in a precarious situation. I understand that. I also just...I guess I wanted to let everybody know that I respect the procedural stance and the government relations and public relations stance that the Appropriations Committee has staked out. I guess I would just respectfully ask that the body, the legislative body, would continue to respect, while not necessarily agreeing with and not necessarily accepting, but continue to respect the spending cut stance that some of us in this body I guess have tried to espouse or at least have tried to attempted to promote even though, obviously, a stance like that could force our hand later, possibly in a special session. Let's go to point two with the increased taxation. I tried to lay out some things last year about the way I felt about this type of mentality or philosophy. I truly do believe, and I've heard other folks speak to this...by the way, I wish...it'd be interesting to have Senator Landis here. I've used the bicycle mentality. If this thing was a bicycle, I've used that analogy, if this thing was a bicycle, he'd be trying to hide the bike right now. I mean we're not trying to strap a jet engine to it, we're...I mean this is amazing and very creative but I would be interested to hear what he had to say about it. I'm sure he'll have some words on it. But the increased taxation, I do believe